

PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT[661]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)"b."

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 100B.10, the State Fire Marshal hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 251, "Fire Fighter Training and Certification," Iowa Administrative Code.

The Fire Service Training Bureau administers a certification program for fire fighters in Iowa. The certification process maintained by the Fire Service Training Bureau is accredited by the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC). While certification is not a state requirement to work as a career or volunteer fire fighter in Iowa, some fire departments do require such certification for employment or for continued employment.

Certification is based upon satisfactory completion of training and testing which is in turn based upon standards published by the National Fire Protection Association. These nationally recognized standards are periodically updated, and adoption of the new editions of the published standards is required for continued accreditation of the certification program by IFSAC. The amendment proposed here updates to current editions of the relevant standards the standards for certification in various areas.

A public hearing on this proposed amendment will be held on August 12, 2008, at 8:30 a.m. in the First Floor Public Conference Room (Room 125), State Public Safety Headquarters Building, 215 East 7th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319. Persons may present their views orally or in writing at the public hearing. Persons who wish to make oral presentations at the public hearing should contact the Agency Rules Administrator, Iowa Department of Public Safety, State Public Safety Headquarters Building, by mail, by telephone at (515)725-6185, or by electronic mail to admrule@dps.state.ia.us, at least one day prior to the public hearing.

Any written comments or information regarding this proposed amendment may be directed to the Agency Rules Administrator by mail or electronic mail at the addresses indicated by 4:30 p.m. on August 11, 2008. Persons who wish to convey their views orally other than at the public hearing may contact the Agency Rules Administrator by telephone by 4:30 p.m. on August 11, 2008.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code section 100B.6.

The following amendment is proposed.

Amend rule 661—251.202(100B) as follows:

661—251.202(100B) Certification standards. Standards for Iowa fire fighter certification are based upon nationally recognized standards established by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), 1 Batterymarch Park, P.O. Box 9101, Quincy, Massachusetts 02269-9101. Certification at each level in the Iowa fire service certification system results in national certification as well.

251.202(1) Fire fighter.

a. Fire fighter I. Certification as a fire fighter I is based upon the requirements for fire fighter I certification established in NFPA 1001, "Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications," ~~2002~~ 2008 edition, chapter 5.

b. Fire fighter II. Certification as a fire fighter II is based upon the requirements for fire fighter II certification established in NFPA 1001, "Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications," ~~2002~~ 2008 edition, chapter 6.

251.202(2) Driver/operator.

a. Driver/operator (pumper). Certification as a driver/operator (pumper) is based upon the requirements for fire department vehicle driver/operator (pumper) certification established in NFPA 1002, “Standard for ~~on~~ Fire Vehicle Apparatus Driver/Operator Professional Qualifications,” ~~2002~~ 2003 edition, chapter 5.

b. Driver/operator (aerial). Certification as a driver/operator (aerial) is based upon the requirements for fire department vehicle driver/operator (aerial) certification established in NFPA 1002, “Standard for ~~on~~ Fire Vehicle Apparatus Driver/Operator Professional Qualifications,” ~~2002~~ 2003 edition, chapter 6.

251.202(3) to 251.202(5) No change.

251.202(6) Fire service instructor.

a. Fire service instructor I. Certification as a fire service instructor I is based upon the requirements for certification as a fire service instructor I established in NFPA 1041, “Standard for Fire Service Instructor Professional Qualifications,” ~~2002~~ 2007 edition, chapter 4.

b. Fire service instructor II. Certification as a fire service instructor II is based upon the requirements for certification as a fire service instructor II established in NFPA 1041, “Standard for Fire Service Instructor Professional Qualifications,” ~~2002~~ 2007 edition, chapter 5.

251.202(7) Responder to hazardous materials incidents.

a. Responder to hazardous materials incidents (awareness). Certification as a responder to hazardous materials incidents (awareness) is based upon the requirements for certification as a responder to hazardous materials incidents (awareness) established in NFPA 472, “Standard for Professional Competence of Responders to Hazardous Materials Incidents/Weapons of Mass Destruction Incidents,” ~~2002~~ 2008 edition, chapter 4.

b. Responder to hazardous materials incidents (operations). Certification as a responder to hazardous materials incidents (operations) is based upon the requirements for certification as a responder to hazardous materials incidents (operations) established in NFPA 472, “Standard for Professional Competence of Responders to Hazardous Materials Incidents/Weapons of Mass Destruction Incidents,” ~~2002~~ 2008 edition, chapter 5.